

Although attendance and membership statistics, as well as financial conditions, were favorable, the new rector entered upon a difficult undertaking. At best, the central city church, unless amply endowed, is faced with a heavy task. Notwithstanding much faithful work has been done in nineteen years, many changes have taken place.

If the parish is to be a continuing one beyond its centennial more workers and larger financial support are needed. The buildings and equipment are here. While much has been accomplished by Nativity and St. Jude's churches, separately and unitedly as one congregation, the records and traditions of a hundred years cannot be depended upon alone for existence. There is no apparent reason why this old church should not continue to be the religious centre of its neighborhood. Today it stands almost alone in its immediate surroundings.

"The days of old have dower'd us
With gifts beyond all praise:
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days."

—From the New 1940 Hymnal.

The Vestry

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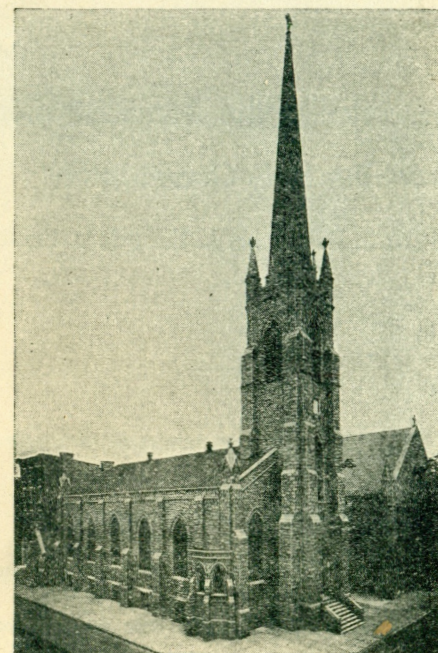
Centennial Anniversary Committee

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1844-1944

One Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1944



CHURCH OF ST. JUDE AND THE NATIVITY

ELEVENTH AND MT. VERNON STREETS

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

REV. JOHN LINKER SAUNDERS, Rector

Order of Services

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1944

The Twenty-first after Trinity

9.30 A.M.

The Order for the Administration
of the Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. John L. Saunders, Rector

Evening Anthem

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; and let them bring me to thy
holy hill.

O God, then will I go unto thy altar; on the harp we will praise thee, O Lord
our God.

Why, O Soul, art thou sorrowful, and why cast down within me?

Still trust the loving kindness of the God of thy strength, and my tongue yet
shall praise him, who hath pleaded my cause.

Lord our God! Thou wilt save thine anointed, thou wilt hear us from heaven;
though in chariots some put their faith, our trust is in thee!

They are brought down and fallen, but the Lord is our helper, we shall not be
afraid.

From Psalms 43 and 20.

Order of Services

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1944

The Twenty-first after Trinity

10.45 A.M.

Anniversary Service and Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.

Bishop of Pennsylvania

Processional Hymn No. 205

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

Opening Sentences

The Apostles' Creed, Versicles and Collects

Hymn No. 428

"God Bless Our Native Land"

Hymn No. 441

"Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire
and sword"

Anniversary Sermon

Bishop Hart

Offertory Anthem: "Blessed be Thou, Lord God of Israel"
—Francis Murphy, Jr.

"Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever
and ever."

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the
glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in
the heaven and the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom,
O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."
—I Chronicles 29:10, 11.

Collects and Benediction

Recessional Hymn No. 445

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come"

12.30 P.M.

Social Hour in the Parish House
Refreshments

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend
this gathering

Order of Services

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1944

The Twenty-first after Trinity

8.00 P.M.

Anniversary Service and Sermon

Processional Hymn No. 464

"The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord"

Opening Sentences, The Lord's Prayer and Versicles

The Psalter, Psalm 24

The Lesson, Revelation 21:9-27

Canticle, The Magnificat

The Apostles' Creed, Versicles and Collects

Hymn No. 255

"O worship the King, all glorious above!"

Anniversary Sermon

Very Rev. Herbert N. Caley
Dean, Convocation of Germantown

Offertory Anthem, "Send Out Thy Light"

—Charles Gounod

Collects and Benediction

Recessional Hymn No. 531

"Forward be our watchword, steps and voices joined"

Historical

The Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, Philadelphia, celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation as a parish on Sunday, October 29, 1944.

The centennial in the life of a parish church at one site is an important milestone and deserves not only to be well marked, but also to receive more than passing notice. Continuous life from 1844 to 1944 means passing through many transition periods and overcoming many obstacles.

Wars, depressions, changes from residential to business and manufacturing districts, influx of foreign population, deaths, removals, changes of rectors, all have been met and overcome. Each has left some impress on the parish life.

The Church of the Nativity in 1844 at Eleventh and Mt. Vernon Streets and St. Jude's Church in 1848 at Franklin and Brown Streets, were located in the District of Spring Garden, lying north of Vine Street, the northern boundary of Penn's City of Philadelphia. The section contained much unimproved land which at the time of the incorporation of the two parishes was being improved with dwellings and the increasing resident population called for the establishment of places of religious worship. Following the consolidation of the City in 1854 population increased rapidly and helped both churches.

In September 1845, Nativity Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., as his first episcopal act in the diocese. St. Jude's Church was consecrated in September 1849.

Both congregations grew in numbers and influence even though beset by many difficulties, not the least of which in the earlier years was the frequent change of rectors. From the beginning until consolidation in 1908 Nativity had ten, and St. Jude's had six rectors.

Living separate existences for many years, changes in the neighborhoods and membership brought about consultations which led finally to merging these two parish churches into one united congregation. Consolidation was effected in 1908 under the title of "Church of St. Jude and the Nativity" and under the rectorship of Rev. Dr. Llewellyn N. Caley, with Rev. Charles Logan becoming rector emeritus. St. Jude's Church was transferred by sale to St. Mary's Ruthenian Catholic Church.

Nativity Church was decided upon as the place of worship for the united congregation. Extensive alterations were made in

the old building completely transforming its appearance. The outside walls were encased in gray stone and the inside thoroughly renovated. A new chancel and arch were built and the fine painting of "The Ascension" which had been in St. Jude's Church was reset on the west wall. A new organ had been installed in 1900 and the remodeled chancel provided stalls for a vested choir. A new pulpit and lectern were also added.

A thoroughly modern parish house was erected at the southwest corner of Lemon Street and adjoining the church building. This was the generous gift of John E. Baird and involved an expenditure of \$60,000.

"On Sunday, December 19, 1909, public worship was resumed in the rebuilt church amidst general rejoicing." The new church was consecrated November 20, 1910, by the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

The coming of St. Jude's people with a substantial body of young, active and interested workers, seemed to stir up the members of both congregations, and under Dr. Caley's effective leadership, made for progress. Dr. Caley, not only a preacher and teacher, was also an organizer and a staunch advocate of the missionary enterprise and a firm believer in graded church schools. Under him many parish organizations flourished. Largely through his efforts, foreseeing the necessity of endowment, the permanent fund increased, until in 1919, with the addition of St. Jude's fund, it amounted to \$89,000. Without such endowment the parish could not function today.

After twenty-eight years' service, Dr. Caley in 1921 resigned the rectorate to accept election as rector of St. Martin's Church, Oak Lane.

In the few months' interim Rev. Dr. George S. Gassner acceptably served as locum tenens, as in the same year Rev. James C. Crossan was elected rector. Almost immediately upon assuming his duties seemingly insolvable differences arose between him and members of the congregation that militated against successful operation of the parish.

A warmly contested election for vestrymen followed, which resulted in a clear majority favorable to the rector. A group in the vestry and congregation thereupon resigned and were transferred out of the parish.

Mr. Crossan continued as rector until March 1925, when he resigned and later took up work in the diocese of Western New York.

Shortly after, Rev. John L. Saunders, the present rector, accepted election to succeed Mr. Crossan and entered upon his duties in September 1925.